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PM Tactical Vehicles receives "green light" to move forward on competitive HMMWV recap

Warren, Mich. – Tuesday, August 2, 2011 – In mid-July, the Army Acquisition Executive, Ms. Heidi Shyu, chaired an Assistant Systems Acquisition Review Council (ASARC) Materiel Development Decision (MDD) for the Modernized Expanded Capacity Vehicle (MECV) as part of the competitive HMMWV recapitalization program. The competitive HMMWV recapitalization and modernization program will utilize the ECV chassis as a 'seed' to recapitalize into a MECV with enhanced capabilities.

"By opening the HMMWV Recap program to competition we hope to capitalize on the engineering and design expertise of Industry to provide a level of protection that makes it a viable choice for combat operations," said Col. David Bassett, Army Project Manager for Tactical Vehicles.

The Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM) capturing the recommendations made during the ASARC is being staffed to the AAE for approval. The next steps following the ADM approval are finalizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) to support a draft release to industry in early August.

"The Army intends to focus on improvements to crew survivability and transportability, restoring payload capacity and automotive/mobility performance, and will incorporate lessons learned from recent Operational Need Statements," said Mr. Dennis Haag, Product Manager for Light Tactical Vehicles.

The Army has generally satisfied its requirements for HMMWVs with the procurement of in excess of 150,000 vehicles. HMMWV new production for the Army ended in December 2010, although production for the other services and foreign military sales customers will continue into early 2012. A prototype competition will demonstrate the significant improvements at a modest cost relative to the likely sustainment investment in the Light Tactical Vehicle (LTV) fleet. A solid understanding of the limits of capability that can be achieved on the HMMWV platform, supported by demonstrated comparative testing of prototypes, is critical to the Department of Defense making an informed decision on the future of the LTV fleet.

"Divesting its oldest, least capable fleet and replacing them with the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) as it comes into production are all key elements of the Army's overarching tactical vehicle strategy. However, the UAH will remain in the fleet beyond 2025 and the competitive recap program will provide the Army with options to sustain and modernize that portion of the LTV fleet," added Bassett.

The Army and U.S. Marine Corps continue to review the unique requirements to determine if a joint/collaborative effort can be efficiently and effectively managed, to provide a common solution or common chassis that meets both agencies' priorities. The USMC, who participated in the ASARC, demonstrated interest in collaborating with the Army's competitive HMMWV recap program and requested to participate in the Analysis of Alternative (AoA) to be prepared to inform the Milestone C decision (currently planned near the end of fiscal year (FY) 2013).

The Army intends to leverage a HAC-D FY12 \$50M mark-up through the appeals process to fund the program in FY12.

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